

**Proposed amendment to S.J.C. Rule 3:03**

**RULES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT**

**RULE 3:03 LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO INDIGENT  
CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS AND TO INDIGENT PARTIES IN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS**

New language in ***bold italics***

(3) The written approval described in paragraph (1), for a student or group of students, shall be filed with the clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court for the county of Suffolk and shall be in effect, unless withdrawn earlier, until the date of the first bar examination following the student's graduation, and as to a student taking that examination, until the announcement of the results thereof. For any student who passes that examination, the approval shall continue in effect ***for six months after the date of examination or*** until the date of his admission to the bar, ***whichever is sooner, unless otherwise ordered by the court.***